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## ALAMO SHIPPING CHICKENS, EGGS FOR FIRST TIME

**Many Farmers in That Community are Becoming Interested in Poultry**

ALAMO, Texas, May 27.—Many Alamo farmers still come in to town and buy eggs for table use. This condition obtains all over the valley. But Alamo is getting interested in chickens and eggs.

This spring is witnessing the first shipment of chickens and eggs from Alamo. Splawn Brothers, the heaviest shipper from this point, has paid out for culled hens and roosters and surplus cockerels the sum of \$750 since the first of March. Up to less than a year ago Alamo bought eggs from Houston and outside points. Now the local markets are flooded and many hundreds of dozens have been shipped.

The eggs, fryers, old roosters and hens thus far shipped are only incidental to the building up of the poultry industry in this community. Efforts now are concentrated upon establishing a number of real poultry plants. Of these there will be no less than twenty running more than 500 hens by this time next year and several poultry enthusiasts will have nearly that many for the winter egg-market this coming December and January.

Preference in Alamo is confined to three or four of the most popular breeds. Ten or twelve Alamo chickens raised this year realized high profits by marketing fryers weighing around two pounds and have announced their intentions of going into this department of the industry upon a still heavier scale next season and playing it regularly, year in and year out. These breeders cling closest to Reds and Barred Rocks. Others are inclined to devote their time entirely to producing eggs upon the most profitable scale, regardless of the meat-producing qualities of their breed, and these are sticking to leghorns, mostly rose-comb whites. Still others have leghorns and one of the dual-purpose breeds, running separately.

C. M. Swallow has gone into the game the most heavily in this community and has gone into it carefully and scientifically taking as few chances as possible. So far his efforts have turned out with unusual success. His plant already running into the thousands and growing in size as fast as incubators can hatch eggs. He has white leghorns and barred rocks and soon will have hundreds of ducks.

Among those who are favoring the reds in this community are Lester Burkhardt, who raised a thousand or more this season and plans to raise at least ten thousand next year, J. F. Phipps, T. L. Stiller, C. B. Summers, F. R. Lewis, W. M. Butzer, Charles Swanson. Those lacking the lumber stock are George T. Salaven, Dr. C. J. Martin, Mrs. E. H. Griffith, Mrs. H. K. Abner, W. Matt Ginsbach, C. M. Swallow, and Ned Smith, the latter also raising bronze turkeys.

F. M. Lytzen sticks to buff orpingtons. A. H. Lyngens has black minors. S. C. Colburn has white leghorns.

Some of these flocks are made up of good grades but others have the most excellent poultry blood in the country.

## COLONEL ROBERTSON DECLINES OFFICE AS NUECES ENGINEER

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, May 27.—Col. Sam A. Robertson of San Pedro, who was recently selected as county engineer by the commissioners' court of Nueces county, has advised the court that under present existing circumstances he will be unable to accept the position. Mr. Robertson says there has been solicitation made upon him to permit the use of his name as a candidate for sheriff of Cameron county, and these requests had become so insistent that he has decided to acquiesce and will be a candidate for that office.

In the letter Mr. Robertson sincerely thanks the court for the honor implied by the offer, and indicates that while the office of sheriff of his county from a financial standpoint is far less attractive than the place offered him in Nueces county, he feels it is a duty he owes his home people to permit the use of his name for the office at home. Mr. Robertson will be an opponent of the present incumbent, Sheriff Vanu.

## FOUR VIOLENT EARTH SHOCKS ARE RECORDED

(By The Associated Press)  
ROME, Italy, May 27.—Four violent earthquakes occurred today in the vicinity of Terni, about fifty miles north of Rome, causing terror to the population over an area of several miles. No reports of damage, however, were received here.

## BRITISH SOLDIER MURDERED

(By The Associated Press)  
BELFAST, Ireland, May 27.—A British soldier was murdered and another seriously wounded at the postoffice in Dublin this afternoon, says a Dublin dispatch. The shooting was by a civilian.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Generally cloudy with local thunderstorms late tonight or Sunday; moderate to fresh southerly winds.

## Harvey's Daughter Tests New Gun



Mrs. Marcellus Thompson, daughter of George Harvey, ambassador to England, and daughter-in-law of Col. John T. Thompson, tries out the new light-weight machine gun invented by Thompson.

## VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST D. E. SODERMAN

(By The Associated Press)  
DALLAS, Texas, May 27.—Motion for a new trial for D. E. Soderman, who last night was found guilty of manslaughter and given a five year sentence in the penitentiary following trial for the fatal shooting of Jay Clay Powers in Powers' hotel April 18, will be filed shortly, attorneys for Soderman announced today. Attorneys for Soderman will seek his release from jail on an appeal bond pending action by the courts on the appeal.

In the event a new trial is denied the attorneys say an appeal will be made to the court of criminal appeals at Austin. The jury rendered its verdict at 10:30 o'clock after having been out four hours and forty-five minutes.

Six ballots were taken in all, according to E. B. Williams, foreman. The sentence was the maximum under the law.

Judge C. A. Pippen complimented the jury "for its courage in rendering its verdict."

"It is a great day in our courts when men have the courage and fearlessness to make such a verdict," the judge said, briefly.

The jury retired at 5:45 o'clock last evening, taking with it the judge's written instructions. It did not get to dinner until 8 o'clock. Near 10 o'clock it asked for the written confession alleged to have been made to Soderman by Mrs. Soderman of improper conduct with Powers.

With the word to the judge that the jury was ready to report its verdict, Soderman was summoned. He entered and kissed his wife, who was sitting in the court room for the first time, except when she was in the stand. To Soderman's right was his brother, Arthur Soderman, of Los Angeles, Cal.

"It's not right, but I thank you," called Soderman to the jury with the reading of the verdict.

"It's not fair," Mrs. Soderman sobbed.

## Season's First Watermelon From Ranch Near City

(Special to the Herald)  
DALLAS, Texas, May 27.—Texas will ship upwards of 19,000 car loads of early vegetables this year according to figures compiled by the Texas Chamber of Commerce from various government and private reports. This figure does not include the heavy shipments of later vegetables and other small crops which will bring the probable total to 60,000 carloads for the year.

Texas during the past few years has kept abreast of Florida and California as an early shipper to northern and eastern markets. According to recent government reports, Texas had, up to the date of April 30, shipped approximately 10,000 car loads of cabbage, onions, spinach, white potatoes, strawberries, and mixed vegetables of the 1922 season. Government estimates show that approximately 9,000 more carloads of these products will be shipped from Texas before the close of the early market season. This is an increase of 2,000 car loads over shipments to April 30 of last season, and government statistics show that the total early vegetable production in Texas will run about 7,000 car loads ahead of the total production of approximately 11,000 car loads last season.

Texas has shown a large increase in cabbage production over the past year, 35,396 cars having been shipped to the close of April as against 16,416 to the same date last year. The production of cabbage this season will run upwards of 5,000 car loads as against a production of 1,671 car loads last year. The early cabbage production is practically all in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Texas is the premier Bermuda onion shipping state in the union, and this year's crop shows an increase over that of the last season; 2998 car loads of early onions had been shipped previous to April 31st according to Government statistics. The production of onions is estimated at 4,100 car loads as against the production of 4,298 car loads last year. Texas onion crop is grown largely in Webb county near Laredo.

The spinach crop of Texas this year will approximately equal that of last year, the last year's crop being 1,459 car loads. The spinach season has closed with a total shipment of about 1,450 cars. The spinach of Texas is grown in Travis County, Webb county and points south of San Antonio.

The early potato movement has begun with the shipment of several hundred car loads. The total production for this year is estimated at about 1,573 car loads which is slightly larger than the production of last year. This includes the extremely early potatoes of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Gulf Coast country below Houston, as well as the crop which comes on slightly later in the East Texas territory.

The tomato production of Texas is also split in two crops, one of them coming from the Rio Grande Valley very early in the season, and the other following later from the East Texas territory, but coming far ahead of the tomato crop of the North. The entire Texas crop comes on the market early enough in the season to be consumed as table stock. The Valley crop failed this year.

Though Texas does not rank high among the states as a shipper of strawberries, yet the Lone Star State furnishes more of this product to the market than the average citizen of the state would guess. The production this year will be approximately 88 cars as against 67 cars loads in 1921.

Outside of the above mentioned vegetables, there has been shipped from the state this season, 1671 car loads of mixed vegetables as against shipments of 1,678 car loads to date last season. The total shipments this year will run upwards of 2,000 car loads as against 1,268 car loads last year.

## SURVEY TODAY SHOWS HIDALGO TOWNS ALL BUSY

**More Activity in Progress Than at Any One Time Since S. O. S. Began**

William T. Burnett of the S. O. S. campaign in Hidalgo county, told The Herald over the telephone today that the campaign is proceeding in every town with more universality, more vigor, and more thoroughness than at any time since the campaign in that county started, about a month ago.

Mr. Burnett said he made a telephone survey of the county this morning, with the following results:

Mercedes—The biggest auction for the S. O. S. yet held is being held today. There will also be a benefit dinner tonight, and the Mexican people of the town are busily engaged in plans for a bazaar.

Weslaco—The committee is at work on plans to repeat a picnic, which was held a few days ago, and which did not prove the success desired on account of rains that interfered.

Elmendorf—Big community fetes is being arranged.

Dough—One of the Saturday auctions is being held, and the ladies of the town have a rummage sale on. An entertainment is also arranged for today.

Pharr—The S. O. S. committee is at work in conjunction with the Music club in plans for an S. O. S. week.

San Juan—The S. O. S. committee is arranging to repeat a Mexican supper and dance tonight.

Alamo—The committee is out at work today, and a supper has been arranged for tonight.

McAllen—A lawn fete and entertainment has been arranged for tonight at the Casa de Palmas. Dark eyed beauties will sell hot tamales, and oriental queens will serve in the tea garden. The people of the Holt-Hammond tract will join with McAllen in the event.

Edinburg—Continues to lead in the organized activities in behalf of the Save Our Seaport fund. In addition to the 1700 letters Miss Fern Noll Samsen, local secretary, has sent out, she has written ninety wholesale houses doing business with Edinburg merchants. A goodly number of responses have been received, among them \$50 worth of aluminum ware to be sold for the fund.

Rio Grande City—The committee is at work, and expects to raise the Rio Grande City quota.

Hidalgo and Reynosa—Are continuing activities to help raise the fund.

Mission—One of the greatest events yet planned for the S. O. S. is the Mayfest, which will be held in the city park and on the lawn of the Mission hotel tonight. The people of Sharyland will take part in this event.

La Feria—A party will be given tonight for the benefit of the fund.

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The watermelon and cantaloupe crops will be on the market shortly. A production of 350 cars of cantaloupes is forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture, as against 224 cars last year. The Texas watermelon average this year is estimated at 37,000 an increase of twenty per cent over last season.

Market fluctuations make it difficult to estimate the value of these crops, but the total figure for early market crops will not be far from \$6,000,000, using prices received by farmers as a basis for computation.

## WOMAN'S FATHER MAY HAVE KILLED WRONG MAN AT WACO

**Waco Quiet After One of Wildest Days City Has Ever Experienced**

(By Associated Press)  
WACO, Texas, May 27.—Sank Johnson, the negro arrested yesterday, is still being held. Officers will investigate a possible connection with the shooting of William Cottrell and Mrs. Marjorie Sheffield in Cameron Park ten days ago.

Relatives of the Thomas negro, killed last yesterday, have presented strong evidence that he was at home Thursday and could not have been the guilty man. Constable Stegall and Chief of Police Jenkins express the conviction that Johnson is the guilty one. Stegall declared that further investigation would be made.

The shoes worn by Johnson were said to fit into the tracks where the negro walked when he dragged the woman.

(By The Associated Press)  
WACO, Texas, May 27.—Excitement and disorder incident to the killing and burning of Jesse Thomas, 23, a negro, here late yesterday virtually had ceased early today, giving a distracted populace opportunity to reflect on the events of one of the wildest days in the city's history.

The negro's charred body was dragged through the streets after he met death at the hands of the assaulted woman's father, Sam Harris.

Local officers and state rangers guarded the McLennan county jail to protect five negroes charged with murder.

Several times during the night officers were summoned to various parts of the city to quell reported disturbances but no serious trouble was discovered. County officials said they do not believe any charges will be filed against Sam Harris, who avenged the crime against his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Hays, when he shot Thomas seven times in his home after the negro was brought there and positively identified by the woman as her assailant.

The negro was apprehended on the public square by E. L. McClure, a telephone operator, who with his wife, took the negro to the home of the girl.

When the negro entered the room, the girl threw up her hands and screamed that it was the negro who had attacked her.

The father then grabbed a pistol, shot at the negro, once in the room where the girl lay, thrice in the hall, and several more times out in the back yard.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 mobbed the undertaker's parlor where the body was taken, dragged it behind a truck through the streets, and burned it on the public square.

After the body had burned to a crisp, it was again tied with a rope to a truck and dragged through the negro sections of the city, followed by a raving mob.

Wild scenes marked the killing of the negro and the subsequent cremation. As soon as the report spread that he had been killed, more than a thousand automobiles sped to the south part of town where the victim lived.

The body was hastened to an undertaking establishment where pursued by the crowds. The undertaker, angered that the body was sent to his place of business, ordered the doors opened and the mob streamed in.

The negro was dragged feet first to the square where the funeral pyre had been prepared from a load of cord wood, drawn up to the square earlier during the day.

Just before the body was taken on its final trip over the city, there was a general rush of the frenzied crowd to obtain fingers, or other pieces of the charred skeleton as souvenirs.

County Attorney Frank B. Ticey said last night he had no statement to make as to whether charges against Sam Harris, who killed Thomas, will be filed.

HARRIS GIVES SELF UP  
(By The Associated Press)  
WACO, Texas, May 27.—Jim Harris, father of the young woman assaulted by a negro, who shot Jesse Thomas to death yesterday after the daughter identified him as her assailant, appeared at the office of Constable Stegall this morning and offered to surrender. No complaint had been made against him, and the constable took him to the county attorney, who had no complaint. He was released.

Texas Boy "Bums" Way to Chicago to Enter Track Meet  
(By The Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Ill., May 27.—Jim Draper, a Georgetown, Texas, high school lad, bummed his way here on freight trains to take part in the national inter-scholastic track meet at the University of Chicago today, but if Jim is the first to break the tape in the hundred yard dash he won't have to bum his way back. A group of local sportsmen told Jim if he won they would see that he rode back in a Pullman.

DE LA HUERTA IS ILL  
EL PASO, Texas, May 27.—Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican secretary of finance arrived here Friday afternoon on his way to New York, so ill with appendicitis that his friends were prohibited from entering his private car.

PROPOSALS FOR U. S. NITRATE PROJECTS AGREED UPON TODAY  
(By The Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—A proposal for the development of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals was finally agreed upon today by the house military committee after more than three months continuous investigation and study of offers made by Henry Ford, the Alabama Power Company, Frederick Engstrom and Charles L. Parsons.

While the proposal was held in strict confidence by the committee, it was learned that the Gorgas, Alabama, steam plant was eliminated from the property to be disposed of. The plan otherwise follows closely to the terms offered by Ford.

TWO YOUTHS START OUT ON LONG AUTO JOURNEY TO CLAIM YOUNG BRIDES  
(By The Associated Press)  
WORCESTER, Mass., May 27.—Equipped with two sleeping cots, a remodeled car of inexpensive variety and an ancient vintage, two Texas youths, Chester Shiflet and George Edgar Rice, who are taking courses at Clark University loaded up with gas and oil today and started on the first leg of a trip to claim brides at Kingfisher, Okla. They expect to escort the girls to the altar in two weeks from today and to return here.

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